



Town of Montague
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BUDGET NARRATIVE

FY 22

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1. Please describe and provide the rationale for any substantial changes in your FY21 line item budget submission.

The Public Health Nurse will be operating on a 10 hour per week basis. This work week will be comprised of 2 days at 5 hours per day – the work days may be adjusted between Monday and Thursday, depending on scheduling and public health needs.

The following information defines planned activities (weekly basis) for the Public Health Nurse:

Day 1 (5 hrs.) – infectious disease surveillance, work with school nurses (pertussis, lice, food-borne illness tracking, etc.), blood pressure clinic, travel vaccination clinic, and community vaccination clinics which address underserved populations – these clinics would entail inoculation efforts regarding shingles, flu, TDAP, hepatitis A & B, etc.

Day 2 (5hrs.) – home visits (referrals from local doctor offices & community) to address medication management and wound care/personal care, rabies follow-up from animal bites (will work in conjunction with Animal Inspector on certain complex cases), Town Employee immunizations (hepatitis A & B), and “Ask a Nurse” which will have the nurse office open to public for questions/answers pertaining to medications, monitoring vital signs, personal health issues.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES (Public Health Nurse):

- Identify present and potential need and resources related to the health of individuals, families, and the community.
- Participate in planning and providing nurse services in special settings such as schools, places of employment and clinics.
- Contribute to planning, development, and operation of community health programs.
- Provide education on particular aspects of health care and public health to community groups.
- Develop and implement infection control measures in the community involving infectious diseases.
- Vaccine management, administration, and storage.

- Administer immunizations and TB skin tests. Check vital signs of community members. Educate community on dosage, action interactions and side effects of medications.
- Plan for nursing services to individuals and families in their homes.